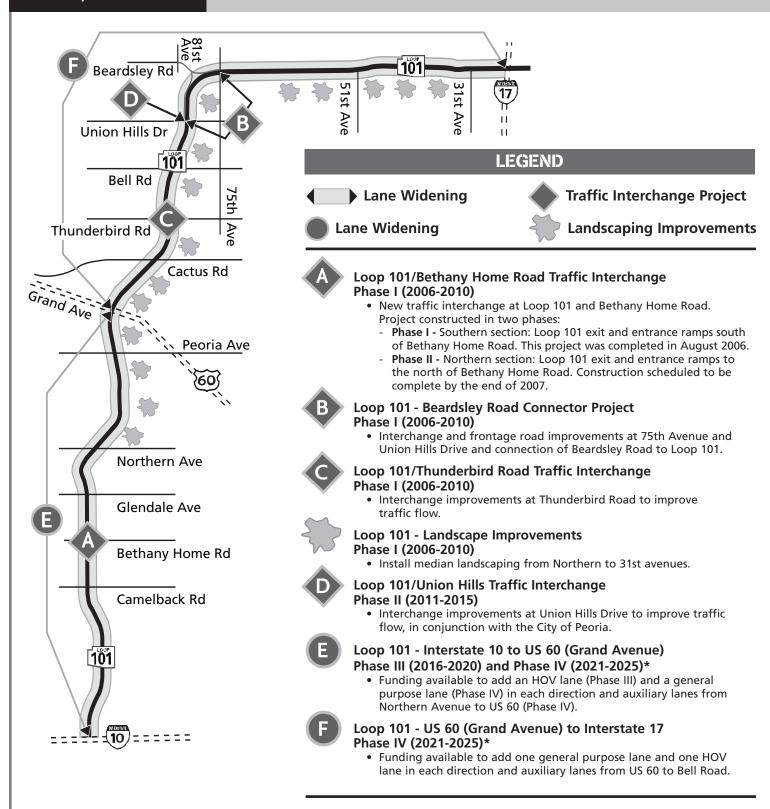


Loop 101 Agua Fria Freeway Improvements



April 2007



Note: The phasing dates represent the proposed funding phase for Loop 101 improvements identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.

*Projects pending outcome of environmental process

Regional Transportation Plan Phases

Phase I 2006 -2010 Phase III 2016-2020 Phase II 2011-2015 Phase IV 2021-2025



FACT SHEET

Loop 101 Agua Fria Freeway **Improvements**



Construction of the section of Loop 101 known as the Agua Fria Freeway first began in 1985 after Maricopa County voters approved Proposition 300, which established a 20-year half-cent sales tax to construct Valley freeways.

Today, Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) is a six-lane highway extending north from Interstate 10 and west to Interstate 17 The Agua Fria Freeway is an integral part of the Valley freeway system, and serves as the link between these two Interstate highways that are important routes for transportation and commerce.

In 2004, voters in Maricopa County approved Proposition 400, which extended the transportation tax to fund regional transportation projects through 2025. The proposition included \$9 billion in funding for freeway improvements throughout Maricopa County as part of a comprehensive, 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Improvements to Loop 101 in the plan include widening by one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction from I-10 to I-17, as well as new interchanges and landscape improvements. These projects are scheduled throughout the 20-year cycle of the plan.

PLANNED WIDENING PROJECTS

INTERSTATE 10 TO US 60 (GRAND AVENUE)

Description: Add one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction. Construct auxiliary lanes from Northern Avenue to US 60 (Grand Avenue).

Schedule: Regional Transportation Plan Phase III (2016-2020) for HOV lane and Phase IV (2021-2025) for the additional general purpose lane and auxiliary lanes.

US 60 (GRAND AVENUE) TO INTERSTATE 17

Description: Add one general purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction. Construct auxiliary lanes from US 60 (Grand Avenue) to Bell Road.

Schedule: Regional Transportation Plan Phase IV (2021-2025)

PLANNED TRAFFIC **INTERCHANGE PROJECTS**

BETHANY HOME ROAD TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Description: New traffic interchange at Loop 101 and Bethany Home Road. Project constructed in two stages:

- Stage I Southern section: Loop 101 exit and entrance ramps south of Bethany Home Road.
- Stage II Northern section: Loop 101 exit and entrance ramps to the north of Bethany Home Road.

Schedule: The southern section of the interchange was completed in August 2006. Construction scheduled to be complete by the end of 2007.

BEARDSLEY ROAD CONNECTOR PROJECT

Description: Work will include extending Beardsley Road from 75th to 83rd avenues and connecting the roadway to Loop 101 via a new frontage road between 75th Avenue and Union Hills. In addition, a new u-turn interchange on-ramp will be constructed over Loop 101 for traffic entering Loop 101 northbound. Minor changes will also be made in the

location of the 75th Avenue entrance ramp and Union Hills exit ramp for improved traffic flow.

The Beardsley Road Connector Project is a City of Peoria sponsored project funded through the RTP, which will be designed and constructed in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the City of Glendale. ADOT will oversee and construct any related elements within the freeway right-of-way, including frontage roads, ramps and bridge structures.

Schedule: Construction to extend Beardsley Road from 83rd Avenue to Loop 101 is scheduled to begin in winter 2007. Construction of the ADOT portion of the improvements is scheduled to begin in winter 2008. The schedule for the ADOT-related improvements was advanced by three years from the schedule identified in the RTP with funding from the City of Peoria.

THUNDERBIRD ROAD TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Description: Improve the interchange at Thunderbird Road to improve traffic flow.

Schedule: Regional Transportation Plan Phase I (2006-2010).

UNION HILLS DRIVE TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Description: Improve the interchange at Union Hills Drive to improve traffic flow. Note: these improvements are in addition to the interchange and frontage road improvements associated with the Beardsley Road Connector project.

Schedule: Funding in Regional Transportation Plan Phase II (2011-2015)

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS **NORTHERN TO 31ST AVENUES**

Description: Design and install median landscaping

Schedule: Anticipated to start in 2007

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